

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.



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THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE commences its seventy-fourth volume to-day. For the measure of favor it receives from the public, we are thankful and grateful—and will show our sense of this favor, by renewed exertions to present its subscribers with a NEWSPAPER which will be useful to the community, and require no labor or expense, within our means, to accomplish that object.

THE VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.—In every quarter of the State the hope is expressed that upon the re-assembling of the Virginia Legislature to-morrow, the members will go to work in earnest, and transact the public business, with as little speech-making as possible, consistent with a proper explanation of the subjects which may come up for consideration. There are important matters affecting the vital interest of the State which should be acted on speedily. We have, again and again, enumerated them, and urged attention to them. We wish sincerely that the expectations of the people may be realized in their desire to have a short session and such Legislative action as will advance the best interests of the State.

In presenting a list of State paying dividends, the New York Times says it drops the Southern States the few bonds upon which interest is promptly paid by Alabama bearing a small relation to the debt in suspense. In Georgia the arbitrary discrimination against part of the State debt discredits the whole. In Louisiana, where the interest has for several years been paid at New Orleans, the existing political troubles renders it doubtful whether anything will be done on the first of January. North and South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee, as for several years, are in general suspense. From Arkansas we have no intelligence as to which of the railroad issues and direct State obligations will be cared for this season.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, says that "a well-known republican of Washington has received from a prominent unionist of the North, but for some years a resident in Florida, a letter depicting a most woeful condition of affairs in that State. The writer says that the board of State canvassers 'counted in' the radical candidates by committing the grossest frauds, and have handed over the State to the most irresponsible and have produced; that what is left of State property and credit will be voted away this winter; that Northern capital is being withdrawn, &c."

On Christmas night an attempt was made to wreck the westward bound passenger train from Baltimore by some miscreants who had blocked the track about sixty miles from the city, although they fortunately failed to accomplish their efforts. During the same night two similar attempts were made on the Erie Railroad, iron rails being used in these instances in place of the cross tie that was employed on the Baltimore and Ohio road. The Baltimore American says:—"The deliberate intention to perpetrate such an atrocity seems so horrible that its existence might be doubted were it not for the palpable evidences of the labor of the ruffians."

The London Telegraph expects from President Grant's second term fresh additions to the galaxy of republican stars. It says the Cuban patriots have maintained their war of independence for four years, and concludes that the Spanish government is unable to put down the insurrection. If the insurgents are recognized as belligerents it thinks arms and ammunition from New York, and volunteers from the Southern ports, would soon turn the tide against Spain. It does not undertake to prophecy whether Cuban independence would lead to her incorporation into our Union.

Mr. Horace Maynard, of Tennessee, has had placed in his hands, for the purpose of presenting to the House of Representatives, a memorial unanimously signed by officers and soldiers of the late army of the Cumberland, asking Congress to appropriate \$15,000 towards the erection of an equestrian statue to the memory of the late Major General George H. Thomas.

The Richmond Whig says: "Virginia, dismembered as she was by the unnatural recession of West Virginia, has actually a much greater population than three of the New England States, and within about fifty-six thousand of the aggregate population of the following four: New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut."

Speaking of a late London meeting in behalf of agricultural laborers and better wages, the Standard urges that the proper cure for the grievance is emigration. It advises the ill-paid farmers to carry their labor where there is large demand for it, and land is to be had for the taking. Pointing to America, it says, "There is your heritage."

Among the "Ku-Klux" prisoners marched through New York a few days ago, were several who solemnly aver that they are innocent of the charges brought against them; among them a respectable member of the Gospel. They were carried, at this inclement season, to the penitentiary at Albany.

Perry's painting of Perry's Victory, which is to adorn the stairway of the west wing of the Senate, has arrived in Washington, accompanied by the artist. The painting measures twenty feet, and is designed to replace the painting of the "Battle of Cherubusco," now over the Senate stairway.

The new cases of small pox were reported in Washington, yesterday.

It is stated that the cotton raised in California is free from the ravages of insects, the cause of so much destruction in the Gulf States, and the alkali soil and long periods of dry weather also favor it. Southern crops are often ruined by heavy floods and rains in harvest. In California they are sure of dry weather.

The Baltimore Sun says:—"If we would meet our fellow-men with light hearts on the 1st of January, 1873, we must avoid the greatest of all discomfords. Debt, and adopt as our maxim—what has been pronounced the 'philosopher's stone'—pay as you go."

It appears by the census, that the six New England States, with a population of 3,545,043, have but 5,421 churches, while the six Southern States, upon the Atlantic, with a white population of 3,450,903, or virtually the same have 11,567 churches.

The Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company will begin to-day to run a regular daily train from Huntington to Pope's Creek, Charles county, opposite Matthias' Point in Virginia.

The Railroad Gazette publishes in detail a list of 103 railway accidents which occurred in November, 19 of which caused death and 26 less serious injury to persons.

A destructive fire occurred in Montreal yesterday. The loss is estimated at half a million of dollars.

The old quarrel between Omaha and Council Bluffs, about tolls over the Missouri river, has been revived.

Professor Agassiz expects Lake Erie to dry up in about twenty thousand years. Unfortunately "he will not be here to see."

An "invention" is being tested in San Francisco, which promises to "use water for fuel." Success to it.

M. Thiers, the President of the French Republic is in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

We have received a copy of the Journal of the Telegraph published in New York semi-monthly and containing a great deal of matter of interest, not only to those directly connected with telegraphing, but to the general reader.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mt. Airy Church, in Amherst county, about three miles from the Courthouse, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday night last. The Church belonged to the colored Baptists, and it seems that a large congregation had met Tuesday night when the younger portion of the crowd employed themselves in firing squibs and rockets, from which the building caught fire, and was quickly consumed.

The rumor that Senator Lewis is lying very ill at his residence, in Virginia, is erroneous. Senator Hitchcock has just returned from a Christmas visit to the Senator's residence and left him in his usual health.

The Fredericksburg Star says that nine valuable sheep, the property of Rev. J. P. H. Crismond, of Spotsylvania county, were killed by dogs on last Wednesday night week.

Col. John S. Barbour is laying out a new town at Arrington depot, Virginia, on the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad.

\$600,000, and hopes to have \$1,000,000 soon. Gen. Early is to deliver several addresses in aid of the Lee memorial in Lexington.

Railroad Meeting.

[Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun.] WINCHESTER, Va., Dec. 31, 1872.—In 1867 the State of Virginia sold the interest it possessed in the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire railroad, at that time completed from Alexandria to Leesburg, to what is now known as the Washington and Ohio Railroad Company, for \$50,000, to be paid by installments at the expiration of five, seven and ten years, and to secure which payments the bonds of that company were given.

The first installment of this purchase money (\$16,000) will soon be due. During the present session of the Legislature several resolutions have been introduced into that body inquiring into the affairs of the last named company and its ability to fulfill the above-mentioned contract with the State. These resolutions were referred to the committee on general laws, and thus legislative action will be delayed for some time, but the interest manifested by the General Assembly in this enterprise, so important to the development of this section of the State, has reacted upon this community, and an enthusiastic meeting, consisting of the railroad committee of Winchester, and a number of citizens, was held here to-day, with the view of encouraging the speedy completion of this road to the coal fields of West Virginia, and also to take under consideration a proposition, formally submitted by the Martinsburg and Potomac Railroad Company, declaring its readiness to extend the latter road from Martinsburg to this place in the event of the town of Winchester and Frederick county making a subscription of \$10,000 a mile towards building sixteen miles.

Without coming to any definite conclusion, the sense of the meeting seemed to favor making this appropriation, provided this company would co-operate with the Washington and Ohio road in continuing.

Mr. Lewis McKenzie, president of the latter road, addressed the meeting, and gave an exhibit of the financial condition of his road, from which it appears that the first bonds due the State of Virginia will be paid at maturity, next Monday. From Mr. McKenzie's statement, the prospect of a completion of the road depended upon additional subscriptions by the counties and the introduction of other capital into this company.

JEWISH VIEW OF CHRISTMAS.—An editorial in Hearst and Home urges a right Christian spirit in the keeping of Christmas, preaching a pretty sermon from a text furnished by a Jew, who always observed the festival day: "But you all agree upon certain points regarding the Great Teacher, and upon these there is equal harmony between you and me. Whatever I may believe about him, I love the man who preached the sermon on the Mount, which is in itself the whole of morality and religion. * * * There are two or three of his sententious remarks, each of which is in itself the sum of all law and the sum of all righteousness: 'Love one another; Thou shalt love the Lord thy God and thy neighbor as thyself.' These are the spirit of all his words, and for these I love and honor this greatest of all my nation's prophets."

The Jewish Times has a kindly and genial Christmas article: "Christmas as celebrated in modern times, bears the character of a Jewish festival, is a triumph of the Jewish principle of love and charity, and must be welcomed by every friend of civilization as an advance in the true path of progress. Orphans made happy, widows comforted, forsaken waifs sheltered, cheerless homes made bright, humanity upward, heavenward, whether the day for doing these deeds is styled Christmas, Chanukah or Purim."

Tuesday next is the day appointed for the trial at Annapolis of Mrs. Wharton on the charge of poisoning Van Ness.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To show the very age and body of the Times.

Dispatches from San Francisco deny that the proposed transfer of Goat Island to the Central Pacific Railroad Company was endorsed by the people of California. The renewed pressure in favor of the scheme at Washington appears to have created much excitement in San Francisco, and a meeting of citizens has been called for Saturday next. Governor Booth says that there is no public sentiment in the State favoring the cession of Goat Island to the Central Pacific road.

The cold weather continued yesterday throughout New England and Canada, the thermometer ranging from zero at Toronto, to 3 degrees above at Quebec, 10 at Portland and 18 at Boston. Except in the Northwest, the day was pleasant elsewhere for the season, although generally cloudy or raining. There was a light snow at Boston and Pittsburgh. In Baltimore the temperature averaged 45 degrees above zero.

Miss Susan B. Anthony, who voted in Rochester, N. Y., at the Presidential election will not acknowledge that she has committed an offense against the laws by furnishing bail for her appearance for trial on the charge of illegal voting. Consequently she will remain in charge of the United States' Deputy Marshals until her case is called in the Court at Albany, but her fourteen companions have given bond.

A letter from Dallas, Texas, to the Houston Age, says that twelve "Indian" cattle thieves were lately caught in one of the western counties and hung to the limb of a tree, because there was no "limb of the law" to plead for them. "Before hanging them their faces were scrubbed and cloven of the twelve did not pan out as Indians—they being unprotected orphans from Kansas mostly."

The Baltimore American says the recent increase in the demand for and the price of the bituminous coal of Maryland will probably lead to an addition of ten cents per ton for transportation by the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal at their meeting on Wednesday next. This would add \$80,000 to the yearly revenue of the canal.

During 1872 the arrivals of vessels of all classes at the port of New York were five thousand five hundred and twenty-three, of which two thousand and seventy-six, including eight hundred and forty-eight schooners, were American, and two thousand one hundred and eighty-two, including two hundred and ninety schooners, were British.

Robert Bowles, the bankrupt banker, of Bowles Brothers, was examined before the Lord Mayor of London yesterday. His lordship finally decided to commit the prisoner for trial on the charges preferred against him. He was admitted to bail on finding two bondsmen for two thousand pounds each, and on his own recognizance for four thousand pounds.

The New York Chamber of Commerce, at its meeting to-morrow, will take action on the bills pending in Congress in reference to immigration. The Commissioners of Immigration will memorialize Congress in opposition to the bill in the House to promote emigration to the United States.

A part of Alleghany county, Maryland, has already been taken off to form Garrett county, and the Cumberland News says that the formation of still another county is talked of by the people of Frostburg, who desire to have it as a county town.

During the present session of Congress there have been offered no less than 26 amendments to the Constitution. The Chicago Tribune says that the amendments are "all of them from within Virginia as well as without."

A very serious accident occurred yesterday at the Liberty Copper Mines in Frederick county, Md. A scaffolding over the mine gave way, and the workmen were thrown into the pit. Eight were seriously injured, but the particulars are still wanting.

In a speech at a public meeting at Oxford, on Monday night, her Majesty's Secretary of War, Mr. Cardwell, spoke strongly in favor of the new ballot and licensing acts, was satisfied with the Geneva arbitration, and rejoiced that the boundary dispute was settled.

The terms of the present Mayor and Common Council of New York expire at noon to-day. Mayor Havemeyer will then take possession, and the following Monday the two Boards of the Common Council will organize and receive the Mayor's message.

M. Riviere has made an official report to President Thiers of the progress of the preliminary investigation in the case of Marshal Bazaine. He says that 220 witnesses have been examined, of whom 149 have been summoned to appear in court at the trial of the Marshal.

Ex-U. S. Senator and ex-Minister to Spain John P. Hale, of New Hampshire, went to the polls and voted on election day, and has not been out of his house since. He has been sick for over a year.

John A. Brown, the oldest banker and broker of Philadelphia, died yesterday, aged eighty-five. In 1871 he gave three hundred thousand dollars to the Presbyterian Hospital of that city.

Near Cincinnati, yesterday, the ice gorged in the Ohio river and destroyed one steamer and badly damaged several others. The amount of loss is estimated at from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

The Minnesota railway has been but slightly obstructed by the recent snow-storms. With one exception, the trains on the Northern Pacific have made their usual time.

A telegram from Rome says that the "rivers in the valley of the Po" are again rising, and fresh inundations are threatened.

The Crown Prince, Humbert, was thrown from his carriage, while riding yesterday, but was only slightly injured.

The New York Stock Exchange, Produce Exchange, custom-house, banks and stores throughout the city, were closed to-day.

The Italian government has ordered a gold medal, with a suitable inscription, to be prepared for presentation to Dr. Livingstone.

STAR DRIFT.—One of the most remarkable discoveries supposed to be made by modern science is the drifting of the stars. Richard A. Proctor, Secretary of the Royal Astronomical Society, claims the merit of first suggesting the possibility of there being in fact no fixed stars; but Professor Huggins is said to have first demonstrated the fact that certain of the stars, notably Sirius, are wandering through space with almost incredible rapidity. The undulatory light waves are the criteria by which this approach or recession is formed, and the rate at which they strike the eye of the observer gives the proof of the stars coming toward the earth or going from it. If the waves come in a quicker succession than from a luminous body at rest, the source of light, according to a well-known law, is approaching; if, on the contrary, they come in slower succession than from a luminous body at rest, the source of light is receding. Not only does this "star drift"—as Mr. Proctor calls it—take place with single stars, but whole groups, with rhythmic drifting, are circling among themselves, sometimes moving silently, swiftly, mysteriously, in a common direction, sometimes interwoven in a manner at present unaccountable.

FROM RICHMOND.

REASSEMBLING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 31, 1872.—The Legislature, after a recess of eleven working days, and an expense to the State of about \$15,000, will re-assemble Thursday, but nothing will be done in the way of business, however, for several days, as the members, generally, will return in no condition for work. There was never a Legislature that had more important work before it than this. The judiciary system must be overhauled, a circuit court Judges elected, or the number of Circuit Judges increased, and the office of county Judge be made a mere nominal matter.

It is said here that if the plan which proposes to increase the number of Circuit Judges be adopted, that the Senator from your district, Judge H. W. Thomas, will be a candidate for Judge of the Circuit, composed of the counties of Fairfax, Prince William and Alexandria.

After the judiciary question is settled, the Legislature will have to fix the legal rate of interest. The agricultural community are of course for having the legal rate, six per cent, which would practically destroy the commercial prosperity of the cities. It is probable that a compromise will be effected by which commercial paper will be allowed to be discounted at from 8 to 9 per cent.

Then will come the settlement of the State debt, which, of itself, will be enough to bring out the statesmanship of the members.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

New Year's day will be very generally observed here, almost all of our citizens keeping open house. It is hoped that young men will not be tempted by the display of enticing intoxicating liquors to-morrow, as they have been in the past. This is the great evil of New Year's day, and our citizens have been very much to blame in latter years. Nothing should be offered save coffee or some harmless beverage. While, however, your correspondent wishes this good example to be set to young men generally, yet he trusts that there will be an exception made in his case. As a newspaper man he is dependent upon the liberality of his friends for the amount of "fluid he imbibes," and as to-morrow is a day in which citizens generally get into a generous mood he confidently anticipates a rich treat. He "rises thus to explain" for fear that by reason of sickness, induced by exposure to-morrow, he may be unable to send you his usual letter.

A CONTRADICTION.

The State Journal to-day denies the statement that Mr. J. E. Lewis, U. S. Senator, opposed the confirmation of Mr. Wells for District Attorney, and says: "After the nomination was sent to the Senate, verbal charges were made against Mr. Wells, accompanied with the request that his confirmation be delayed until these charges could be substantiated. Senator Lewis, as in duty bound, had the nomination held up for a week, and the evidence sustaining the charges not being furnished him, he himself called up the nomination and asked the confirmation." Notwithstanding which, it is pretty generally believed here that the most cordial political relations do not exist between the parties, and that Mr. Lewis would have preferred that another should have received the appointment—a notice republican.

A CANDIDATE.

It is reported here that Col. Edward Daniels, editor of the State Journal, will be a candidate for clerkship of the next House of Representatives. Col. D., apart from his political proclivities, is highly esteemed by all who have been brought into contact with him, and his qualifications being undoubted, his selection for the position would be an excellent one. However, he will have a rough road to travel to reach from within Virginia as well as without.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS.

The amount of Internal Revenue taxes collected in this district for the year just ending was \$2,666,799 54, an increase of upwards of \$140,000 over last year. Over two million dollars of government tax collected in one district, and yet the credit of the State is jeopardized because the Legislature refuses to provide the means for paying the interest on her debt!

DEATH OF A SENATE CLERK.

Mr. W. S. Rohrer, formerly of Harrisonburg, a clerk in the Senate, and successor to Mr. Geo. W. Rock, of Alexandria, died on Sunday of consumption. Mr. Rohrer was connected with the press as editor and correspondent, and was highly esteemed. He was aged about 33 years, and leaves an interesting family.

DIED OF SMALL-POX.

Maj. Lornie, chief engineer of the James River and Kanawha Canal, whose death has been noticed, died of a violent attack of small-pox, which disease is prevalent in this city, and from which there have been a few deaths among white people, the saddest of which is that of Maj. L.

U. S. ATTORNEYS.

H. H. Wells, Jr., son of the former incumbent, has received his commission as U. S. District Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and has appointed W. F. Worthington, of Manchester, his Assistant.

GOVERNOR WALKER.

Gov. Walker left here to-day for Philadelphia to attend a re-union of his family at his brother's, Major Jonas Walker, on New Year's day. He will probably return by the last of the week.

CAUCUS.

It is probable that there will be a caucus of the Conservative members of the Legislature early in January, to see if harmony and unity of action cannot be effected upon the vital questions now before that body.

PATTI MARIO CONCERTS.

The musical portion of our community are expecting a rare treat in the Patti-Mario Concerts, which will take place here on Thursday and Friday evenings, January 9th and 10th.

DIRECTORS MEETING.

There is to be a meeting of the Directors of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College of Blacksburg, in this city, on the 7th of January.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

During the year there has been issued in this city 568 marriage licenses—329 white, and 239 colored.

MONEY.

Money is very much in demand here, market tight and rates high.

PEQUIN.

LOUDBON ITEMS.—The celebration on Christmas Eve, of the Sunday School attached to the M. E. Church, in Hamilton, was a most delightful affair, and those who have charge of this school deserve the highest credit for the good taste, and thorough training exhibited by the children in the exercises of the occasion. The Superintendents, Messrs. Asbury Hoskins and Jonas Peugh, were the recipients of handsome presents from the children under their charge. Mr. Hoskins received a handsome hymn-book and Mr. Peugh a handsome Testament.

The residence of L. Dow Hess, near Hamilton Station, was near being destroyed by fire on Christmas Eve. Mrs. Hess, and family, had left home to attend the Sunday School celebration at Hamilton, and upon returning home, discovered that the fire from the fireplace had been communicated to some wood lying near, and the mantle was burned and a large hole in the floor. But a few minutes delay in discovering it, would have insured the destruction of the house.—*Loudoun Enterprise*.

[COMMUNICATED.]

CHRISTMAS DAY.—It was not my position writing on this subject to enter a debate of any kind, much less to take to "prove a negative," but merely alluding to a point which I supposed I knew could not be proved, namely: that Christ was born on Christmas day. I have been led into a slight slipshod. But the burden of proof in a debate, I think, devolved upon him who takes the affirmative. This, Fidelis welcomed to do, if he can, after a brief summing up in this:

First, then, the only point in the matter which I deny is that Christ was born on the 25th of December. My reasons for giving, but for most of them, have already been given, as this article is to close my side of this pleasant little debate. I may briefly state all my reasons together here, for the convenience of the reader, who may wish to compare the weight of testimony.

1. As the shepherds were out in the fields, or plains, watching their flocks, the night that Christ was born, and as it is known to all Bible scholars and Sacred Historians, that the Jews were accustomed to keep their flocks out feeding all through the months of November, December, January, and most of February, and generally sent them out to pasture after the passover, which was in March, it also amounts to an historical or chronological certainty that these shepherds and their flock were not out in the cold, bleak, and frozen mountains, near Bethlehem, on the 25th day of December.

2. The circumstances and place of the birth are, to all human reason and common sense, incompatible with the time generally celebrated as Christmas. There could not have been more unfavorable season of the year to call whole realm or country of people to leave the homes and go on such a long journey as Joseph and Mary had to take—over sixty miles—where it was raining or snowing, and the roads were almost impassable, by reason of the numerous swollen streams and the mud and dirt. Was a time for the Holy Mother, in her condition, to go! Would this day have been chosen such a journey, and for such a purpose by the who said, "Pray that your flight be not in winter?" It was about this time in the year that "the rains descended and the floods came, and washed away many houses, &c."

3. "The people of Palestine" did not know when Christ was born, a very short time ago, for, when the wise men came from the East, Herod did not know, nor could find out when He was born. The only clue, the best evidence he had was obtained "inquiring diligently of the wise men from East when the star appeared," but it had been some time indefinite, as "they were the wisest that he could come to it, then does it happen that the 'Romans' had the historical facts to prove" that Christ was born on the 25th of December, five hundred years afterwards? "Was it the tradition of 'Elders'?" All these and all others who are likely to know any such facts were called together by Herod for the very purpose of finding out all that was known on the subject they could not find out the time.

4. Another reason why I think Christmas day was not the birth day of Christ, is because nearly all Protestant commentators, are against the notion that He was born on the day. Most of them think it of no importance to the celebration to take place on the very day of the Divine nativity.

5. Many of the learned Fathers do not pretend to prove it. They, too, think it important that Christmas should be on the 25th day of the month on which the Savior was born. Pope Julius I., who changed from January 6th to the 25th of December, gives the very reason for the change, that he given in favor of keeping the same day the Romans, long before, in commemoration of the birth day of Sol. Some say it was the birth day of their goddess Bruma.

These are not all the reasons why I think the negative of the question, but they are satisfactory to me. I do not think the mer of enough importance to demand any further argument, and if Mr. Fidelis chooses to prove the point let him do so; then a question will be "submitted."

Note to the "Judges"—It is not a fair fight when a standard bearer stands boldly on the battle ground, with his colors flying, and his opponent fires away at the tier in the cap of his combatant from behind a battery of a non de plume.

"All is well that ends well." J. E. ALEXANDRIA, VA., Jan. 1, 1873.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.—On the Austin, Texas, Statesman, [Beasley, Arthur Shelby, Ball Woods and Smith were convicted of murder in the degree, in Burnet county, this week, and sentenced to be hanged on Friday, the 15th of January. The case was one of the most interesting of the annals of criminal trials, and the evidence, though conclusive, was entirely circumstantial. Ben-McKeever, the murdered man, shot from his horse at night near the place of the Shelby's, his throat cut, and carried on horseback three miles and into a cave in the prairie 150 feet deep. A large rock was placed on the bloody spot, where his throat was cut, and apparently a precaution was taken to avoid detection. The appearance of the rock indicated to the eyes of the frontiersman that it had been recently placed there. Close by it was a spade that had been fired from a shot. On examining the run of Ben Shelby's spade was found in it, and another spade that had evidently been fired from a gun was found under Shelby's door. In his house was found the Chimney (periodical), and it was ascertained by one of the three pieces of gun wadding bent from that paper. A small fragment of McKeever's coat, of peculiar texture, and at the bloody spot, revealed the fact that the murder had been committed at the place. There were many other circumstances pointing to the accused persons as the murderers.

THE BESSEMER CHANNEL S.S.—A company has actually been formed in England to build two steamers in which the cargo of the channel can be made without the use of sea-sickness. They are double-ended, and are propelled by four large screws, two at each side. The ends are loaded by the action of the wind and to enable them to steam at a high speed in the worst seas they will have to meet, so fitted at each end, with means for directing the ship will be able to steam round in harbor. The great peculiarity of these ships is that each will contain in the middle of the ship in such a parallel to the keel. The motion will be free to move, when the ship is under the control of one man, who will be to keep the floor of the ship, in all circumstances, in a line with a straight line.

CITIZENS' NATIONAL B. 1872.

The Board of Directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 10% on the HALF PER CENT, payable Tuesday, January 7th, 1873. Cashier, WM. H. LAMB.

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